

THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN IN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

COUNTRY FACTSHEET: SEPTEMBER 2025

Factsheet on the situation of children in The Federated States of Micronesia Data Brief: September 2025

This country factsheet provides a snapshot of the situation of children, adolescents, and youth in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) focusing on UNICEF East Asia and the Pacific regional accelerators.

The factsheet gives an overview of the most recent child-related statistics, drawing on internationally comparable indicators available through global databases. Indicators have been chosen based on the availability of historical data and geographic

coverage, with priority to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators.

The factsheet contains six sections:

- 1) Demographic and Economic Overview
- 2) Primary Health Care
- 3) Adolescent girls' and boys' skills, learning, and employability
- 4) Violence against children
- 5) National Social Protection Systems
- 6) Water, disaster, and climate vulnerability

Highlights

FSM is a lower-middle income economy. Economic growth increased by 0.4% in 2023 and 1.7% in 2024. The economy is forecasted to continue growing by 0.8% in 2025.

The projected population for FSM in 2025 is 105,600 of which children represent 38%. Children between the ages of 0 to 4 years represent 11% of the population.

The adolescent (15-19 years) suicide rate in FSM is high at approximately 30 deaths per 100,000 people. Males are more at risk compared to females (39 vs 21).

There is a lack of information on children's nutrition particularly for Under-5 stunting, wasting, underweight, and overweight. Including minimum dietary diversity and exclusive breast feeding. Vaccination rates are low at 76% for DTP and 60% for measles.

Early childhood education enrolment in FSM remains low, with only 47% of five-year-olds enrolled, rising to 72% at the elementary level, reflecting the fact that

compulsory education applies only to ages 6–14 (Grades 1–8). In 2021, just 35% of Grade 5 students met minimum reading standards, while slightly over half met minimum numeracy benchmarks, with similar results observed in Grade 7.

There is a substantial gap in information and statistics on indicators involving violence against children. Hence impeding any sort of monitoring or policy/legislative intervention.

The same can be said about public expenditure on social services including education and social protection. However public spending on Health is 2% of total national budget.

Around 20% of the population is covered by at least one social protection benefit. While only 7% of children are covered.

Further progress to improve access to drinking water (86%), basic sanitation (79%), and hygiene services (82%), in schools would be beneficial.

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Children in FSM

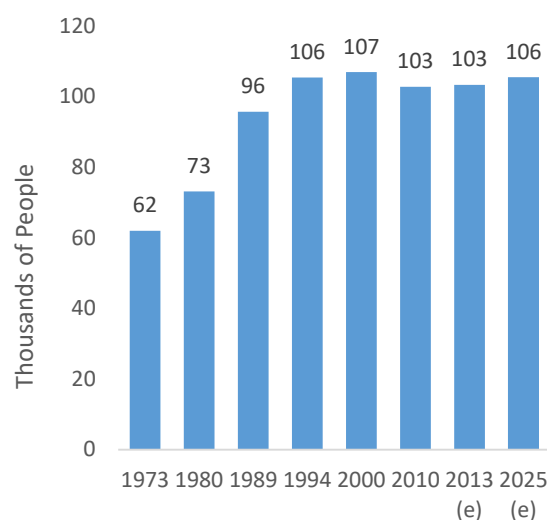


Demographic and Economic Overview

Demography¹

	Value	Year
Total Population (in thousands)	105.6	2025
% of Total population		
Children 0-4	11	2025
Children 0-17	38	2025
Children and Adolescents 0-19	42	2025
Number of births (in thousands)	2.5	2025
Population growth rate (% annual change)	0.4	2025
Urban population (%)	24	2024
Rural population (%)	76	2024

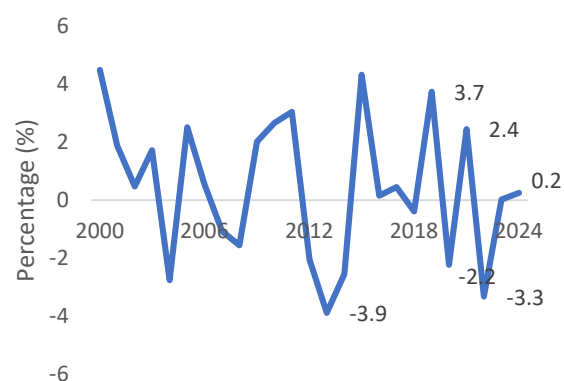
Population Census and Estimates
(1973-2025)



Economy²

	Value	Year
Classification of the economy by income	Lower-Middle-Income Economy	2025
GDP per capita nominal (in USD)	4,166.0	2024
Inflation (%)	5.4	2024

GDP Per Capita Growth (2000-2024)



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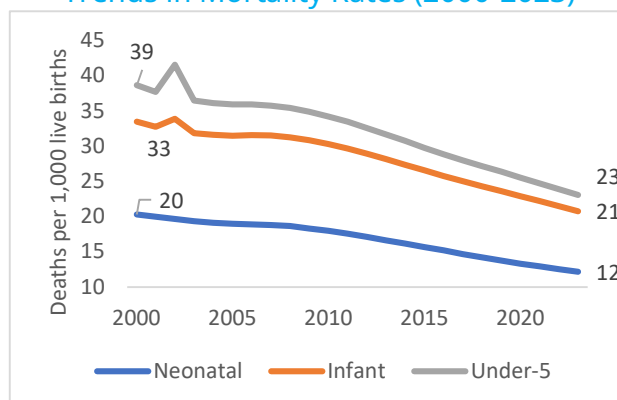


Primary Health Care and Nutrition

Mortality³

	Value	Year
Mortality rates (per 1,000 live births)		
Neonatal	12	2023
Infant	21	2023
Under-5	23	2023
Under-5 deaths		
	58	2023
Crude suicide rate per 100,000 population, among adolescents 15-19 years		
Total	30	2019
Female	21	2019
Male	39	2019

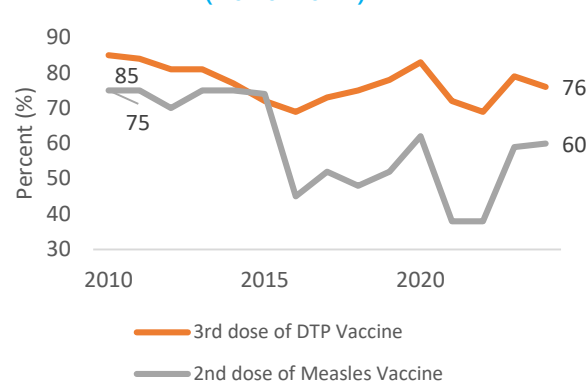
Trends in Mortality Rates (2000-2023)



Maternal and Child Health⁴

	Value	Year
% of Women (15-49 years with a live birth in the last 2 years)		
(4+) Antenatal care visits	Data Not Available	
Skilled attendant at birth	100	2009
Deliveries in health facilities	87	2006
% of Children (0-2 years)		
received 3 doses of DTP vaccine	76	2024
Received 2 doses of measles vaccine	60	2024

Trends in Immunization, by Vaccine (2010-2024)



Nutrition⁴

	Value	Year
% of Children (under 5 years)		
Stunting	Data Not Available	
Wasting	Data Not Available	
Underweight	Data Not Available	
Overweight	Data Not Available	
Minimum dietary diversity (6-23 months)		
	Data Not Available	
Exclusive Breastfeeding (first 6 months)		
	Data Not Available	

Data Not Available

Children in FSM

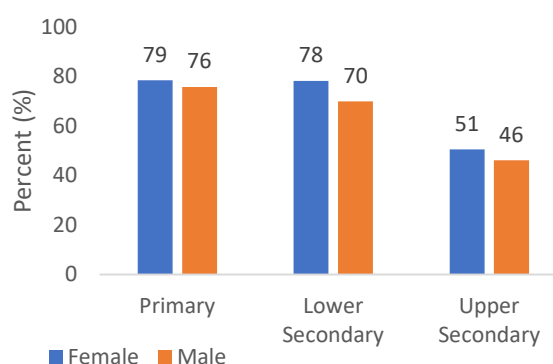


Learning, Skills, and Employability

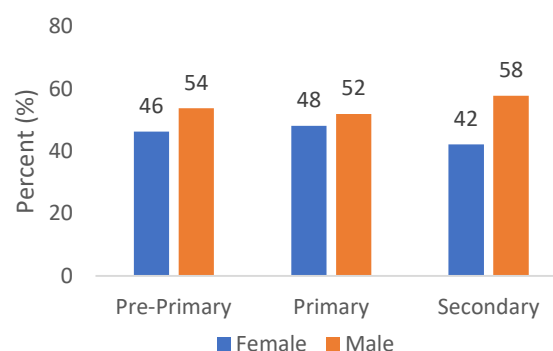
Learning⁵

	Value	Year
Net enrolment rate (% of children of the relevant age groups for the education level)		
Early Childhood Education	47	2024
Elementary	72	2024
Secondary	49	2024
School completion (% of children of the relevant age groups for the education level)		
Primary	77	2022
Lower Secondary	74	2022
Upper Secondary	48	2022
Out-of-school children (% of children of the relevant age groups for the education level)		
Pre-Primary	31	2022
Primary	18	2022
Secondary	43	2022
Educational Attainment (% of students who are meeting the minimum expected standard)		
Grade 5 Numeracy	55	2021
Grade 5 Reading	35	2021
Grade 7 Numeracy	56	2021
Grade 7 Reading	47	2021

School Completion Rates by Gender



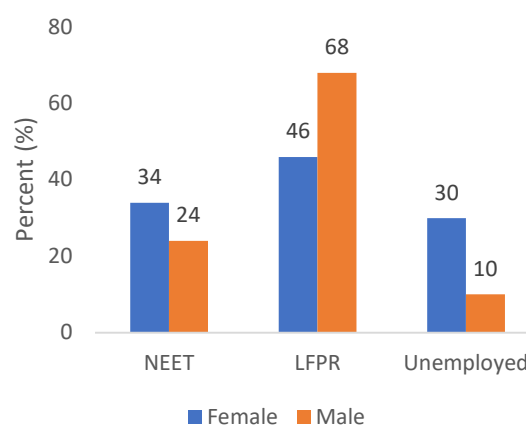
Out of School Children by Gender



Employment, Education and Training⁶

	Value	Year
Not in education, employment, or training (NEET) (15-19 years)		
Female	29	2014
Male	34	2014
Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) (15+)		
Female	57	2014
Male	46	2014
Youth Unemployment rate (15-24 years)		
Female	19	2014
Male	30	2024
Male	10	2014

NEET, LFPR, and Youth Unemployment



Children in FSM



Violence Against Children

Violence⁷

	Value	Year
Violent child discipline (% of Children aged 1-14)		
Any form of violent discipline	Data Not Available	
Female	Data Not Available	
Male	Data Not Available	

Child marriage (% of women and men aged 20-24)		
Women –		
Married before 18	Data Not Available	
Married before 15	Data Not Available	
Men –		
Married before 18	Data Not Available	

Child labour (% of Children aged 5-14)		
Total	Data Not Available	
Female	Data Not Available	
Male	Data Not Available	

Data Not Available

Birth Registration⁷

	Value	Year
Birth registration (% of Children under 5 years)		
Total	Data Not Available	
Female	Data Not Available	
Male	Data Not Available	

Data Not Available

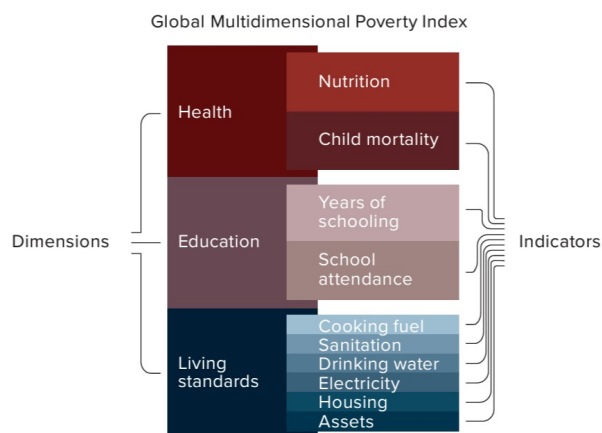
Children in FSM



Social Protection Systems

Poverty⁸

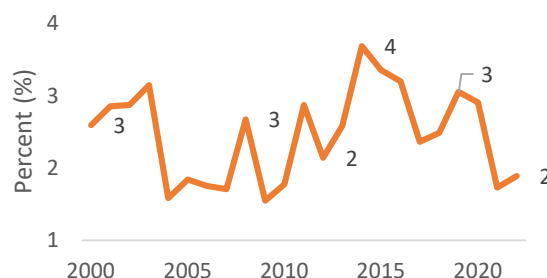
	Value	Year
Monetary Poverty		
International extreme poverty line \$3.00/day	26.1	2013
National Poverty Rate	41.2	2013
Global Multidimensional Poverty Index	Data Not Available	
Population in multidimensional poverty (%)	Data Not Available	



Public Expenditure on Essential Services⁹

	Value	Year
Public Expenditure as % of GDP		
Education	Data Not Available	
Health	1.1	2022
Social Protection	Data Not Available	

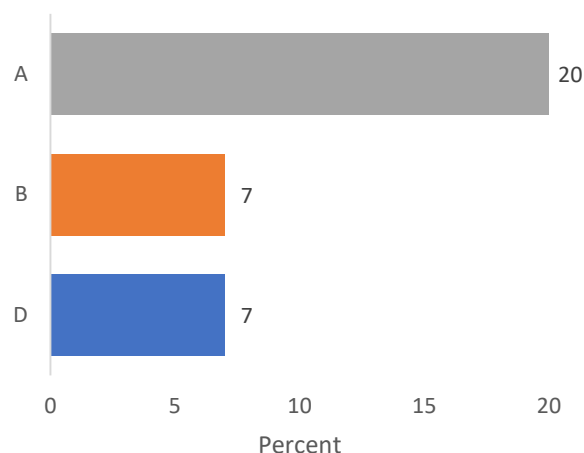
Health as Percent of Expenditure



Social Protection Coverage⁹

	Value	Year
% Coverage		
Population covered by at least one benefit (A)	20	2021
Proportion of children covered by social protection (B)	7	2023
Mothers with newborns receiving cash benefit (C)	Data Not Available	
Children/HHs receiving Child/Family cash benefits (D)	7	2020
Proportion of Poor Population receiving Social Assistance Cash Benefit (E)	Data Not Available	
Persons with severe disabilities receiving benefits (F)	Data Not Available	

Social Protection Coverage



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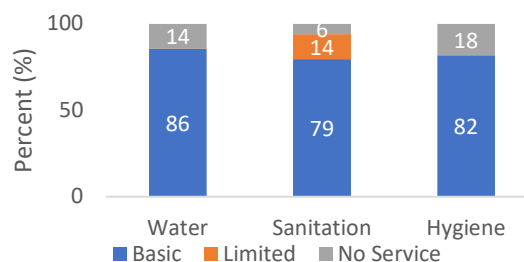


Water Security and Climate

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene¹⁰

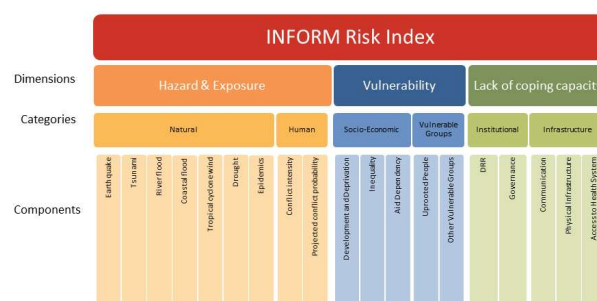
	Value	Year
Household Coverage (%)		
Basic drinking water	90	2015
Basic sanitation	90	2020
Basic hygiene	Data Not Available	
School Coverage (%)		
Basic drinking water	86	2023
Basic sanitation	79	2023
Basic hygiene	82	2023

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene School Coverage



Disaster and Climate Vulnerability¹¹

	Value	Year
INFORM Risk Index*	3.4	2025
Risk Class	Medium	2025
Country Rank	92 nd	2025
Children's Climate Risk Index (CCRI)**	Data Not Available	



Child-sensitive climate policies

1) Nation Wide Integrated Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Policy 2013

**The INFORM Risk Index identifies countries that are at a high risk of humanitarian crisis and therefore more likely to require international assistance. Released in 2024. **The CCRI ranks countries based on children's exposure to climate and environmental shocks.*

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